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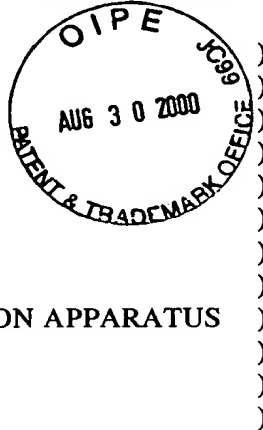
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.

☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ statement(s) claiming small entity status  
☐ are also enclosed ☐ were submitted previously.

☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$345.00 (279) ☐ \$690.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☒ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_, on \_\_, for which continued examination is requested.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'T'L FEE
Total Claims	20	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	-0-
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$78.00 (102) =	-0-
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00 (104)					-0-
Total Amendment Fee					-0-
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					-0-
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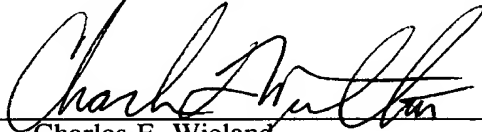
☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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